IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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in re Application of:

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For:

Method of Removing

Contaminants From Used Oil

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 3, 2002, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVIS/1014C/RDE, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please reconsider the following claims:

A method for purifying used oil, comprising: 4.